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The selected items in this folder cover the years 1917-1918 and 1928-1931 and consist primarily of letters to Mina Miller Edison from her sister-in-law Louise Igoe Miller. There is also one letter by Mina Edison to Louise and her daughter Rachel. Included are remarks concerning Louise's reaction to the death of her husband Robert Anderson Miller in 1911, her business activities and involvement in the Chautauqua Bird and Tree Club, and her role in Rachel's business ventures. Several letters discuss the participation of her sons Robert and Lewis in World War I. Also included are references to Edison's reception of an honorary medal from the U.S. Congress in 1928, a luncheon at Chautauqua attended by Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in 1929, and Edison's final illness in 1931.

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[F5D06A], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 27th, 1917

Title
[F5D06A], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 27th, 1917

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Edith Hotchkiss (Mrs Robert A. Jr)
- Oak Place (Miller Family Home)
- Lewis, Mr, (Miller Family Friend)
- Quogue (Long Island Resort Community)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Schmidt, August
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date
1917-06-27

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- World War I
- Military

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EMBROIDERY

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PORTO RICAN NEEDLE WORK
17 WEST 45TH STREET

RACHEL ALICE MILLER
SALES ROOMS
36 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, P. R.
21 ALLEN STREET
SAN JUAN, P. R.

File Mrs. Miller

NEW YORK CITY, June 27 - 17.

Mina Darling -

How goes the world with you? We are still enjoying the memory of our lovely day at Quogue - and can picture you all at intervals enjoying it - Rachel Alice at once put the eggs under the hen - and when they come forth - we will call the little chicks Quoguites - Junior had leave to come home for Sunday - We hardly took our eyes off him Though we had to share him with Edith - who came for the happy occasion and I fear for the first time, both Rachel Alice & I felt a wee bit jealous - But we knew it was Junior's happiness - He had to go back Sunday at 6.45 It seemed a long trip for so short a time - But it did us a world of good to see him looking so well & happy - We all went into Church that morning - and several mothers came to Junior to send word to their boys - them gave our letters and how we all wish for Junior - We wished for Lewis - It was Red Cross day - and we gave in his memory. Robert - I can see how he would be heart & soul in it all - I had a letter from Gus - He said my letter reached him the 29th and he had already arranged for the flowers - as Grace had written & paid him - He said he placed a wreath on each grave & they were $2.00 a piece - and we could remunerate Grace - He said he missed dear old Oak Place - as every one does - Rachel Alice had a letter from Mr. Lewis & he said he often longed for it - after living there so many years - It has been warm yesterday & to-day - so we have spent the half of each day out here - had the most delicious fudge from you - Lewis said he had - I think you are a perfect darling to be so thoughtful of them - Junior said the phonograph hadn't come when he left but it would probably be there when he returned & he would write you at once - We haven't heard from him - They only have 1/2 hour a day - and I think they are too tired

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to do anything but rest - Then even since Monday they have had bayonet drill - and that is about the hardest work they have - Rachel Alice devoted yesterday to making them cookies & we got off a box of them with crackers & jam - They all are wild for the crackers & jam because they are easy to eat -

I hope all your dear family are well - Rachel Alice & I are planning to go about July 5th to Chautauqua for a week or two - and then I think I will have to go to Porto Rico -

The people seem to be coming back & forth from there - so I don't feel the danger but do not like very much the thought of getting far from home - There is to be a camp in Pelham - I only wish our boys would be transferred to it - A heart full of love always for you Nina dear

Rachel Alice said John said something about Mrs. Perrine going to Chautauqua - I think she would love it - and hope I can add to her pleasure - if she is there when we are - Always lovingly

Louise

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Quogue (Long Island Resort Community)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date
1917-11-13

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Reforms
- Foreign affairs
- World War I
- Labor
- Agriculture
- Aviation
- Submarines and submarine warfare

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Ponce – P. R. ~~NEW YORK CITY,~~ Nov. 13/17.

Mina Darling—

You will never know what a joy + comfort your two lovely letters have been to me— I have fairly feasted on them— and I truly needed them—for this has been a most strenuous + trying time, I think I have ever been through— in the business line— But everything seems to be adjusting itself— so I can look upon it more serenely + feel the clouds are rolling away— I stayed away too long + found everything in an upheaval— Then came the re-organizing of the Labor Bureau— which cut down our workers more than half— as they prohibited the Cottage Labor. It really is quite right— as it is unsanitary for so many to be working in these little shacks— but it of course keeps back our orders + has meant double work at the house— Teresa is a wonder I have splendid support in her— and I think it is all going to result to our good— One can't see that though when everything is "going at sixes + sevens—" — So we— Teresa + I have worked day + night to try to even up— Rachel Alice says you have been so lovely to her. You are a perfect darling Mina + my love for you dates back to the White Mts. I can always see you— with the white wool you were knitting in a large white silk hdkchf— and you + Aunt Rachel would discuss "Platonic love" — and you know they say "Love begets love!" and I believe it. I had hoped to be about ready to sail home for Thanksgiving— but am counting myself lucky to get away Dec. 12th— I am so sorry on account of Rachel Alice— but it means our peace of mind later on— and I know she understands it— It was sweet of you to take her to Georgine + have Junior over for dinner. They both appreciated it + I surely do— Rachel will give up

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anything to go with you - This postal I am enclosing Lillie Igoe's Cousin painted this last Summer & it reminds me so much of "Glenmont" that I have kept it on my desk.

To-day I am sending you by mail a few plants from our garden - a Pandanus - Dracaena - Sanseviera &c This last is the fiber plant - I hope they will reach you in good condition - I think too it is better to get them into the hands of a Commercial dealer & I have finally succeeded in interesting them - I think we will specialize on these few specimens - As yet we are not up to the mark in shipping - but will soon learn - You remember my asking you to ask Charles if Castor oil has commercial value other than medicine? It seems they are using it for aeroplanes - as it won't freeze - and I have had three good offers for all the beans we can raise - It sounds big - but it takes so much time & money to develop - and just now I am waiting for a cable from the children to say if we shall or shall not sell our finca - We have a very good offer for it & of course if we accept it, that will end the Castor beans - I made the first shipment the other day to a N. Y. Castor oil firm & felt very proud - I feel such thousands of miles away from you all - and with Louis way down in Georgia -

This terrible war makes me fight to keep the sweetness & I think you are surely doing it from all I hear -

To-day my girls reported there was a sub-marine in these waters, but I hardly believe it - I wish we could sink them all - They are going to confiscate the money of all Germans on the Island - and I think they should every place - because they will naturally be sending help to their own - There are some very influential ones down here in the Bank & big sugar Centrals. I am glad to hear Madeline is so pleasantly situated in beautiful Washington. My choice of cities as a girl used to be - Indianapolis, Washington Boston & Detroit - I think they are all lovely & livable -

Love to Mr. Edison Chas. Theo & John - and a heartful to your dear sweet self - Keep an eye on my precious darling.

Devotedly Louise

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1918-03-29

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Foreign affairs
- World War I
- Agriculture
- Health and medicine

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Mina Darling -

It seems such ages since I have heard from you and now I am about to turn my face homeward I do hope by some good chance you will be coming home - The last few days, we have had such discouraging War news down here, that it fairly makes me want to fly - and I know that time will creep along - These beastly Germans - just like Demons - How I wish we could wipe them out of existence - But we do seem to move so slowly - I know everyone is doing the very best he can - and we have to be patient - but I have felt so panic stricken for fear our boys would get away before I return - They haven't said so - so I am hoping for the best - but I see if this condition continues, it has to come.

Mary writes me Theodore was poisoned by a fish - wasn't that dreadful? I hope it didn't pain him or last very long - she didn't particularize - only said he was unconscious for two hours & that seemed pretty serious - I have been thinking of Madeleine & wondering if this month has brought us another little darling to love & to cherish - Rachel Alice writes me you have sent us some delicious grape-fruit - I think that is lovely & am looking forward to enjoying some of it on my return - Mrs. Corben has been with me which has made it very pleasant -

I have worked every day like a Turk until yesterday we drove to Coamo Springs for the day - It is a clean

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restful place — and I would like to have spent several days —
We have longed for rain to make the Castor Beans grow but in all the time I have been here it has not rained once at the finca — But we have gone ahead with the planting and our mayor Domo says they will germinate when it does rain — It was lovely that Charles & Grace & Hal could be with you — I haven't been able to locate Theodore whether he has been with you or on the yacht — I always feel like asking hundreds of questions.

Everyone writes Rachel Alice is looking well — I think she loves her work — Mrs. Merchant, who is in the same room with her wrote me a beautiful letter saying their Chief openly or rather she said publicly took Rachel's paper & held it up saying it was the best in the room — Wasn't that fine? And Rachel has never mentioned it —

I know Mr. Edison is working night & day & I long to have him gain the victory that I am sure he will & that he so richly deserves — Good bye Mina darling — I think there is hardly a day that I do not think of you.

I know you are doing as wonderful work as anybody — We will all look back on these days I hope as character building — for there are so many things that seem hard to understand — why these blood-thirsty assassins should have any semblance of success is an awful question — But it must all come out right in the end — I hope all is well with you dear people — In Mary's letter to-day everything seemed all right — Love more than you can ever know —

Devotedly
Louise —

Happy Easter to you all!

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Title

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Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Vincent, Louise Palmer (Mrs George E.)
- Bruch, Edward B
- Kunz, George Frederick
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Ford, Henry
- Burroughs, John
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

1918-05-14

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- World War I
- Environmental issues
- Social customs, norms, values
- Military

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NEW YORK CITY May 14/18-

Mina Darling
Well, our Lewis is almost home - He phoned us last night
from Camp Mills - Garden City - Long Island - + we have been
beaming ever since - He didn't know when he could get away -
He thought he might get a leave of 24 hours - in a short time -
so we are hoping we may see him in a day or two - His voice
did sound grand + Rachel + I could hardly let him go - We said
we would drive out - but he couldn't tell when he would be
off duty - Anyway he is near + if we don't see him in a day
or two, we will run the risk + drive out - I do hope he won't
have to go with the men, that are being sent over this week -
Robert Matthews a friend of Lewis (the son of Dr. Shailer Matthews)
phoned us Sunday - he is here expecting to go any day - If
Lewis can only stay until after the wedding - Every joy
seems to be tempered with fear these days - We are looking
forward to Friday - 3 P.M. - I wish Lewis could come in for
that - Have you heard if Mr. Burroughs is coming - I thought
it would be fine if you would bring the photo of Mr. Edison +
Mr. Burroughs + Mr. Ford together in the woods - Dr. King
told Mary he thought we could make this one of the
greatest Clubs - and I believe too - to extend in every direction
the love of Nature would be one of the grandest achieve-
ments - I called on Mrs. Vincent Sunday week ago + found
she had gone to her mother's funeral - I have meant to write
her but haven't - I noticed in last night's paper that Ed.
Bruch had died - It brought to mind dear Mother Miller - she
wrote one time to us - that it began to look as though
she had more on the other side than here - We had letters
from Cora + Elizabeth - they expect to reach Cleveland May 20th -
I wish they would come to the wedding - + I am going to
write Grace + Ethel to see if they can't come - My best wish
for dear Junior is, that his married life may be as happy as
his parents + I believe it will - Lewis had not received any of
our letters, so didn't know of the wedding - How are all the

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dear ones at Glenmont? John tells me you had some great pictures taken — all of which I hope we may see —

Rachel Alice & I have been working so hard in the garden that we are so stiff we can hardly move — There is such a tremendous lot to do — that we have to keep everlastingly at it — Good-bye Nina dear I will phone you if we know definitely when Lewis is coming — as you might possibly be coming in — Love to Madeline — Tell her we are sending a pillow-cover for the precious baby to rest his head on — and are mailing Carolyn the beginning of a crash set — Is Theodore home? Love without measure to you Nina darling —

Louise —

Wouldn't all this moving, interesting life be a joy to darling Robert? He would be so proud of his little group!

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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Times
- Miller, Edith Hotchkiss (Mrs Robert A. Jr)
- Miller, Helen Mathews (Mrs Lewis II)
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date
1928-10-31

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Politics and government
- Wireless and radio

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PONCE, PORTO RICO Oct 31/28.

Nina Darling -

Thank you for the lovely invitation to the presentation of the medal - and the phonograph - It was one grand occasion - and how I would have loved to have been there - I am going to always treasure my invitation - for it is a noble recognition of a grand life - The Sunday Times had a splendid account of it - and Rachel & I enjoyed reading it - Edith sent me all the Pittsburgh snap-shots - I suppose the Times will have them next week - Junior was so disappointed not to hear it over the radio - Edith heard it very well - and Lewis & Helen were the home of a friend where they could hear - It is almost

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staggering when you realize the things Mr. Edison has done for humanity – I thought it was sweet of him when Sec. Mellon presented him with the medal – and so soon as he accepted it, he handed it to you – It makes one feel you are so thoroughly one – Such events only come once in a life-time – Somehow I don't feel that we missed it – for it was all so plainly a world affair – that you could not help but feel of it – I know it has meant a strenuous time for you – and now when Tuesday is over – you can take a good long breath – Just think after Rachel & I signed our papers before a Notary for an absentee ballot – they sent the enclosed letter – in the last mail – I say if Hoover should lose by two votes I certainly would contest it – But I guess he will have a good majority – Loads of love Mina darling & Congratulations to you & your darling –

Louise

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Title
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Author

- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Livingston, Clara E
- Wolf, Adolph Grant
- Wolf, Marian Sweet (Mrs Adolph G.)
- Lindbergh, Charles Augustus

Date
1928-12-25

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- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values

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Merry Christmas.

Dec. 25/28.

Mina Darling -

This is truly the ending of a perfect day - We came over to San Juan yesterday from Ponce - and reached the Palace in time to rest a bit before dinner - Mrs. Towner is having a house party over the Yule-tide - and we feel very fortunate to be included - We have the suite that Lindberg had, when he was here and I am writing at the desk - where he wrote to Mr. Herrick from here - The bed-room looks out on the Bay - I know you would love it here - It is so quaint, and has a real air of romance and luxury - We heard a trio in the music room - where

we received our presents - and then a
wonderful dinner at one o'Clock - and
this evening went to another wonderful
dinner at Judge Wolfs - you will recall
meeting Marian Wolf at the ship - she
is the friend that does so much for Rachel
over here - There were 16 at her dinner
The table also had a Christmas tree &
from it, were ribbons to each place with
a gift - And it was all lovely - I
must tell you about the big box that
came from you - we thought it was a
Christmas box - and did not open it, until
we were about to come over here - When
lo! and behold! we found all the
wonderful dresses - Rachel & I were simply
delighted - and immediately abandoned
everything else to put them on - The
purple and the black & white crepe de
chine are splendid for me - and so
is the blue & white check voile - so I have
eagerly appropriated these three - and Rachel
is quite looking forward to wearing the
others - They are too long for her but require
very little alteration - and mine require
hardly none - I am pleased entirely with
them and only hope the mantle of some
of your loveliness will fall on me - when
I wear them - What a dear you were to
send them - I won't be able to stop
to tell you about our gifts - as we are to
leave in a short time for Clara Livingston's
to spend the rest of the week - Mrs. Tanner
asked us to stay here - but Rachel has been
over to the ship - four times since we
came - and the only way for her to get
a complete rest is to get away - So I am
thankful we are going - I will write next
mail & tell you how good everyone has been
to us - A heart overflowing with love for
you Mina darling - of whom there is no
one finer - Devotedly Louise

Just got the word from you about the furniture. You were dear to have them look into it. I am trying to push it from this end & hope it will soon be settled. Our dresses are marvelous. Funny just that morning I woke early & I got to thinking about you & I thought of the lovely dresses I used to wear of Madeleine's that you would send down & I thought well next fall maybe I'll screw up my courage to ask aunt Mina for one of her summer dresses. And then the box came, wasn't that funny.

A world of love, darling & a Christmas & New Year kiss.

Your godchild who

adores you. Rachel.

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Recipient
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Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Boston Herald
- Miller (Lewis) Centenary (1929)
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Pennybacker, Anna Hardwicke (Mrs Percy V.)

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Feb. 6/29-

Mina Darling-

Your air-mail letter to Rachel has just come- You wrote or it was mailed Feb. 2- and it reached here the 6th only four days- while it takes 8 days- Now to-morrow, we will send Mr. Edison a Birthday card by air-mail- and be sure to see how much sooner it gets there than this. I think it is going to be a great joy- This snap-shot is from the Boston Herald- & I think the best one I have seen- You both look so contented and happy- The clipping Robt. Jr. sent me- I do think Dr. Hurlbut has worked hard for Chautauqua- I should think Mrs. Pennybacker might get word from some Foreign Countries- such as Serbia from Mrs. Grouitt. If no better way I might get a letter from Admiral Hayans of Japan- and the Chinese Minister was there & at the cottage in 1900 some time- I think the tributes would be large & wonderful to have a special Chautauqua Daily for those alone- a letter in this mail from dear Mrs. Julia King- I have written her of the 100th Anniversary- Be sure to let me help in every way I can- I will gladly follow any suggestions- Devotedly Louise

Tho' I'm not so very big
I'm a Happy Little Nig!
For the Portorican Sunshine's
in my Heart!!!
Then take me home with you
You'll find me good and true!
And never more from me
will want to part.

Louise Igoe Miller

To
my
Valentine!

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[F5D06H], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 19th, 1929

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Times
- Miller, Edith Hotchkiss (Mrs Robert A. Jr)
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-02-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Politics and government
- Health and medicine

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Ponce. P. R.
Feb. 19/29 -

Mina Darling -

I am sending you in this mail the Valentine favors I made for the Bridge Club. It was our time to entertain - and I got the idea from the Christmas favors you sent me - They made a great hit - I hope they won't reach you, in a melted state -

You have been so constantly in my thoughts. I even dreamed last night we were on a pic-nic to-gether. Your life has surely been full to the fullest - Rachel had a letter from Margaret & Elizabeth yesterday written in New York - where they had gone

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to attend the opera - another blessing you scatter - and Margaret wrote as though Mr. Hoover would be with you on Mr. Edison's Birthday - I hope he was. I wonder if you had a chance to ask him for his favorite flower for our Presidential Bouquet. Just think when this reaches you the Birthday - the Anniversary will be over - and only a few short days until the Inaugural - Doesn't time just simply fly along? - And of course all the wonderful things that are happening will make it seem shorter & shorter - I hope when the Times comes Monday, we will read or see something of the Birthday - and hope better still to hear something from you about the Anniversary - But I know how hard it is for you to write down there - and do hope

you won't get all tired out. In this week's mail Lewis wrote he was about to start with a party of bankers to New Mexico - to investigate a Conservancy District - The man who was to go from his Bank lost his Father-in-law & Lewis was sent instead - They were going to Albuquerque - and I do hope Lewis met Nick Bucher - Robert was so fond of him - and I know he would have been pleased to meet Robert's son - I was going to cable - & then saw Lewis would be returning before he could get the cable - I wonder what has become of Mary - I haven't heard from her - for several weeks - and hope she isn't ill - I see from the Pelham paper, Judge Ransom & family have sailed for Havana - then going to Key West to fish - I wonder if they will get down your way - All roads seem to lead to Ft. Myers. I haven't told you Mina dear how much I am enjoying the dresses - I love the plum colored one and never wear it, but since one compliments 4 it - To morrow we are going out to luncheon & I am going to wear the blue checked one - I like that too & the black & white China silk - But the plum comes first - and I can see you in it, the day we all met at the Lorraine for a business meeting & I always have a good time when I wear it - We are going to a Bridge party in Yauco on Friday - quite an affair & I am wearing it then

Prof. & Mrs. Edwin O. Jordan of the Chicago University are in San Juan - He to lecture before The Tropical School of medicine - They are coming over here for the week end - I think she is the one who called on us at The Del Prado - a great friend of Mrs. Vincent. Robert Jr. writes Edith is very miserable with that gall bladder trouble. Poor dear! I know it is very painful - Every letter Lewis ends by saying no letter from Aunt Nina or from Tarrytown - I think he gets really homesick to hear from the family - a heart full of love

Devotedly Louise

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Title
[F5D06H1], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 27th, 1929

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Miller, Rachel Alice

Date
1929-02-27

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Foreign affairs
- Natural disasters
- Health and medicine

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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
36 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, PORTO RICO

Feb. 27/29.

Precious Mira-

I hope you arnt completely worn out with all the celebrations - Not many realize how much comes out of you in all of these celebrations - But I have been there & know. We have been so happy to see your pictures in the papers. and they all look as though you were having a grand time - our visitors from Chicago University have gone - They were here for the week-end - and were charming people - I meant to enclose a letter I have written to Geo. asking how to get some help for the Hospital down here - that was so hurt in the cyclone - It makes me wonder why 5 millions should go to St. Lukes Hospital in Tokyo - and help to China & Liberia when our own little possession is positively suffering for help - Rachel took our guests back to

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San Juan on Monday & found Mr. Swiggett who is in charge of the shop - ill - so she has to stay this week - Your box to her came in the mail & I will hide it until the 6th for feel sure it is something for that day - What a precious love you are - Mary writes she & Marian are leaving Mch 6th for Florida - I wonder what becomes of Will - And in the last mail I had a Valentine from Edward - Dresden Apt. Ft. Lauderdale Fla - So I suppose they are wintering there - What a magnet Florida has become -

Loads & loads of love to you & I know Rachel would send love & kisses to one of the dearest & best in the world

God bless you & keep you both!

Devotedly
Louise

I sent the same kind of a letter to Bishop Manning - Do you think I did right? a letter from Grace in long hand - Isn't that fine - she is studying Spanish

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Title
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Supplied year and month

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Post
- Wilson, Woodrow
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Coolidge, Calvin
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-02-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Foreign affairs
- Environmental issues

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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
36 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, PORTO RICO

But evidently not – In your restful moments when you are not having a thousand demands. don't forget to ask Mr. Hoover for his favorite flower – maybe it will be the poppy – as that is the flower of California – Coolidge liked the Emblem of Vermont – the four leaf clover blossom and Mrs. Wilson the emblem of Virginia for Pres. Wilson – The dog-wood blossom – I do think the poppy would be lovely – though it may not be his favorite – I heard a splendid story about Mr. Edison the other day – Of Course you have heard it – a little boy asked his Father if Mr. Edison invented the first talking machine – his Father said "No! my son – God invented the first talking machine. but Mr. Edison was the first one to know how to shut it off" – Isn't it grand our having air mail? We can send mail three times a week by air and once a week by

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ship – making 4 mails a week from here & 5 mails from the States – Even if we don't use it a lot, it brings us so much nearer – They go Mondays – Wednesdays – and Fridays.

I will try sending one to you in Florida you should get it in two days – Rachel sent you one to Orange – There was great excitement over the first ones going out –

Dear Mrs. Perine sent me a calendar in the last mail – Wasn't that good of her when she has been so ill – Take good care of yourself Mina darling – Those people will be so glad to see you back – that I hope you won't over do – I never wrote that word before – Doesn't it look funny?

A world of love – and to your darling – We did so enjoy hearing how he entered into the Christmas spirit – all because he felt he was making you happy – I loved the article about him in the Jan. 5th Saturday Evening Post – calling him "a great National Asset" – which is absolutely true. Rachel is out in the kitchen making something for a sick friend – More love than pen can state – Louise

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Title
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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Hoover, Herbert Clark

Date
1929-04-03

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Travel (TAE and family)

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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
36 COMERCIO STREET
PONCE, PORTO RICO April 3/29 -

Minna Darling -

What a joy it was to get your lovely letter this week - And to hear of the happy ten days you had with Charles & Carolyn -
I know, they went home feeling 100% better - and then Madalaine & the boys will make the place hum I know - So often I long to have a visit with you - and yet I know of no one, who has to give themselves out as you do - And this year does seem to have been especially hectic - Maybe we can get a quiet, resting time at dear old Chautauqua - Just when it could be. I can't think - but maybe we can - I think your plan for the Lewis Miller Anniversary is fine - & I do think Geo. would feel very

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much pleased to be asked for the 24th In fact it would seem to me he would be the very one - I think though you should ask him + also Vincent Massey - as well as Mr. Bester - I think they would feel honored + would come if they could - I hope I can be of some help to you - and that you will tell me if there is anything I can do. I wrote to Pres. Hoover Mch. 5th about his flower. + he answered March 14th saying he would be glad for us to have the California poppy to represent him in the Pres. Bouquet - Wasn't that fine? I imagine you spoke to him about it - It was written personally not thro a Secretary - Maybe he would come to the Anniversary - Many Presidents have been there thru Father Miller

Rachel is calling me to dinner an heart over-flowing with love - Mary + Mick are at Mountain Lake Club Lake Wales Florida

Devotedly - Louise

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Title
[F5D06K], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 6th, 1929

Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Madeleine
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Nichols, Marian
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-06-06

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine

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MRS. ROBERT A. MILLER
446 WYNNEWOOD ROAD
PELHAM MANOR, NEW YORK

June 6/29-

Mina Darling

I have just called up Madeleine's nurse to ask how Madeleine is getting along- and she said, she is having a very good after-noon. I do so long to do something for her but the nurse says there is nothing to do- I am so pleased that I was able to see her yesterday. She did look so sweet, and I love Madeleine's smile & laugh- We are having such peculiar weather- so cool- many people have their furnaces going- and we have had a grate fire to-day- so if Madeleine had to be sick she couldn't have chosen a better time- And she seems to be so glad she has had the operation- I am sure she must have suffered a great deal before it- and has been so brave to try to fight it out. I had a letter from Lewis to-day. He is such a dear- and had a letter waiting for me when I arrived- He was so pleased over hear-

hearing from you on his Birthday - and you were dear, with your tremendous amount of letters to remember him - Mary Ann said yesterday, she thinks he hungers for home news.

But I am sure we all like it if we are fond of our loved ones - There was a splendid picture of Mr. Edison in the paper the day we landed - and it did seem so good to see his fine smiling face - Martina didn't come until yesterday - and I stayed the two nights with Mrs. Gilliland, and we lived over the happy old days, as we always do - and she was loud in her praises of you - of the wonderful helpmate you had been - and I said there never could have been anyone more wonderful. And I think the loveliest part is, that he appreciates it - I am wondering if John is still with you - Wasn't it fine that he could return with you - I wish there is something you would like me to do for you up here - It would give me such pleasure - So please do let me know -

My very best love to you all -

Devotedly Louise.

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Title

[F5D06L], Letter from Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 12th, 1929

Author

Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Roosevelt, Eleanor (Mrs Franklin D.)
- Miller (Lewis) Centenary (1929)
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Ford, Henry
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
- Pennybacker, Anna Hardwicke (Mrs Percy V.)
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Music

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L. R. CORNELL, MANAGER

ATHENAEUM
CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK

250 ROOMS—100 WITH BATH

7/12/29
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Mina Darling - July 12/29.

Your telegram received - I told Mr. Bestor about Father Miller's love for oratorio's & he said Mr. Stoessel was planning a lovely musical program - that he knew would delight you -

Everyone is rising to the occasion - and you hear on all hands - the Lewis Miller Centenary week - even to the extent of offering their homes - Mrs. Bestor says they have two rooms at our disposal - 2 at the Brays - 2 at the Kings - & Miss Chamberlain says she has 1 in the Vincent Cottage - It all goes to show what a lovely spirit there is in it all - Even if the Cottage holders did go against us - I guess that will get straightened out all right and Mr. Bestor looks relieved - He & the entire force are all working for Miller week -

It was a great stroke your coming - for it seemed to give everything & everyone a better understanding - Carolyn Leech came this morning to tell of her trip to Jamestown yesterday - and it sounds as though she was going to make a lovely thing out of it - I told Mrs. Pennybacker about the music - She says she doesn't want hymns - she wants such songs as we used to sing in the Olivia - such as The Last Rose of Summer - My old Kentucky Home

MIRA MAR HOTEL AND APARTMENTS, SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNDER SAME MANAGEMENT

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"Juanita" — & maybe Mary or Ina would re-
member some of these — There was "Old Black
Joe" and "Good-night ladies" & "Merrily we roll
along" — "My Bonnie lies over the ocean" — I
suppose the best thing would be for you to make
a selection & send to Mrs. Pennypacker — She
said she would like you to send them to her.

The books came to-day from Mr. Ford — Many
thanks — I will write him a note of thanks —
which he probably won't see, and I will thank
him when you all are here — The rhododendrons
are all in bloom — I wish they had waited another
week — I went to see Mrs. Wilcox about the little
sedum or plants between the flag stones — and she
hadn't very much — but said she could get some
lovely moss and would bring it Monday — It will
at least look better than it does now — The
sun is out & I hope will do something for the
grass — Gov. & Mrs. Roosevelt are coming to-
morrow afternoon — But more important to
me is the fact that dear Junior is coming to
stay until to-morrow afternoon — If you
have one or two leisure minutes, don't forget
the small pieces of silk for shawls for my
"Negritas" — This certainly is a busy place — We
had Mabel Powers for the B. & T. Club — and she
gave us a beautiful Woodcraft evening over
near Stoops-back — She wished for you & I knew
you would have loved it — I wish we could go
over there before you go back — But of course we
can't. I hope you hear good news of Madeleine.

A heart full of love — Louise

Be sure to let me know if there is any thing you want me to do —

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Title
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Author
Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Bestor, Jeanette Lemon (Mrs Arthur E.)
- Roosevelt, Eleanor (Mrs Franklin D.)
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Roosevelt, Franklin Delano
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

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- Health and medicine

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L. B. CORNELL, MANAGER

ATHENAEUM
CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK

250 ROOMS—100 WITH BATH

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Chautauqua!

July 14/29 -

Mira Darling -

This is the blessed Sabbath - & so still & quiet & peaceful - and you may know how very happy I am to have Robert Jr. with me - He came yesterday at 3³⁰ - It was too bad he didn't get here earlier - as Mr. & Mrs. Bestor had asked him to the small luncheon of 14 they gave to Gov. & Mrs. Roosevelt - and Junior got here just as they were leaving - I thought they were charming. The Woman's Club gave them a big reception in the Hotel - and it was quite the prettiest reception they have had - Gov. Roosevelt does handle his handicap of lameness in a most wonderful way - We went to the Concert with Mr. & Mrs. Bestor - and he was completely used up - I think this cottage holders trouble has about unnerved him and he has had such a full & splendid program - which all means work - So to-day his doctor has said he must stay in bed - Junior & I went to see him this morning - and when we came home - found your message under the door & Junior will see that Mr. Cory gets

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it at once - And of course they will follow your wishes - if it hasn't gone to print -

Carolyn saw me again about the flowers & chairs - I think she has lovely ideas - She wants two ecclesiastical chairs on the platform - do you like the idea? Junior is taking us over to meet Dr. Shailer Mathews this evening - Carolyn is riding over with us - Then Junior returns to Jamestown at $9^{\underline{30}}$ - It has been wonderful to have him all to myself - But it does seem so short -

I had a letter from Ann Carlisle & she is coming for the 24th - She said she should think we would send invitations to all of the old Chautauquans - But I can't think of any we haven't asked - Some one spoke of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Harris - Mrs. Young is on the grounds - I will try to find & ask her -

I must tell you how eager the B. & T. Club are to do something this year in memory of Father Miller - They want to meet with you & talk it over - Mrs. Smith (Mrs. Millers sister-in-law - Mrs. Lillian Smith (Mrs. Kings sister & Mrs. Wooldridge -

Junior sends you lots of love - It is a perfectly beautiful day! -

Mr. Bestor wants to send the car to Westfield to meet you - if you will wire when you are coming - Devotedly Louise

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Title
[F5D06N], Letter from Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison to Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.) Miller, Rachel Alice Miller, July 26th, 1929

Author
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Recipient

- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Bird and Tree Club
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1929-07-26

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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Music
- Environmental issues

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HOTEL MARKLAND
Bellefonte, Pa.
M. A. LANDSY, PROP.

July 26-1929.

My darlings Louise and Rachel.

In the peace of the night I am thinking of you. We were glad to reach this comfortable hotel after a most awe-inspiring day. Our travels over these Mountains and valleys was as in a dream and the answer to my quest was given. 1st: must come our dream for Chautauqua and on this our Robert's and father's (Rachel's) heavenly birthday let it be sealed. We will honor our loved ones by following the dictates of our hearts.

"Poems can be made by men like me
But only God can make a tree."

Orchestras can be enjoyed and heard
But only God can make a bird.

As I was lying here (we went to bed early)

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Mrs. Robert A. Miller
Chautauqua
New York
C/o Lewis Miller Cottage.

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these lines came to my mind as though spoken to me. It seemed an answer to our unsettled state, made so by an urgent need in the work of Chautauqua. It is like the husband who gives the diamond necklace to his wife who may need the utilities but some way the utilities come but only once the diamond necklace passes our way.

The thought I have is this we can go ahead with our plans and all meet again next summer to dedicate our Nature work which in the end will bring about the needed assistance in the musical line.

Lewis and I were talking it over and we came to the conclusion that we put our big thought and work in the Nature side of Chautauqua life and start the endowment fund for the Orchestra. In other words we can do both. There was nothing mother and father loved more than music, trees, birds and flowers. We can do it and make or create a glorious whole, carrying out the idea that Lewis put into words of having music every evening in our Bird and Tree Sanctuary. This is the year to do it with you, Louise dear, President of that heaven sent organization. We can work towards a beautiful occasion next summer - Miller Park glorified announcing our gift this summer, the centenary of our blessed one. We have a great heritage and this can be our way to carry on.

Will you please Louise have some beautiful flowers sent to Mrs. Koppell for me - She is a rare nature - and also to Mr. Cornell the soloist - He was so kind in helping us - Put in a card of appreciation for me - Goodnight on this memorable day - Lovingly Nina - Aunt Nina.

I am just full of our venture and can't seem to sleep for thinking of it. Dont say anything about it = I will write again after I get home.

Again goodnight. D Earie did pretty well on the trip but towards the last of the day was pretty tired. His stomach bothered him considerably.

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- Bird and Tree Club
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Pennybacker, Anna Hardwicke (Mrs Percy V.)

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July 3/30

Mina Darling-

Your dear letter has just come - what a blessed darling you are - and how I did love being with you - You are always and always have been an inspiration to me - One only has to be there in the home to see how full to over-flowing your life is - and makes one more than appreciate all you do - Don't you worry about your splendid article on Monday - I am sure you will take the prize over all that have gone before - for you have given the women something vital to think about - You have said what thousands of people think - but havn't put it in words -

You must be sure and let me know what you hear from it - Yesterday opened the season for the B. + T. Club - I sent

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my telegram & will be interested in reading The Chautauquan on Saturday, to see how it passed off — Mrs. Pennybacker seems to be holding forth with a vim — and we should appreciate her for she means a great deal to Chautauqua — The Bird & Tree Club could be just as great a factor — for all the world is turning to Nature and its beauties — I really think the President of the B. & T. Club should be paid — the same as Mrs. P — She couldn't give all of her time to it without remuneration — Don't you think that would be a good point to bring up?

Poor Mrs. Gilliland is quite ill with tonsilitis — I asked her about going to Chautauqua, but she couldn't afford it —

I do hope Mina darling you will be coming over soon — but I know Mr. Edison wouldn't enjoy even coming to Mary's on Sunday —

Florence said it was awful the Sunday she & John brought me over — It was all right coming — but they waited in line for

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have going back – and I know he wouldn't like that! I had my daily letter from Rachel this morning – To-day is the last day of her sale – It hasn't been a great success – for I think people are not buying – But she said it was better than she feared it was going to be – Mary Grace Peterson phoned me this morning she had asked you to come to a luncheon she is giving for us on Tuesday – it would be lovely if you could – then Rachel & Mary both could see you – I intended this for a Birthday letter – and have rambled on.

I do hope Mina darling this will be one of the happiest Birthdays you have ever had – and I will be thinking of you all day – and wishing you your heart's desire.

Mary Matthews called up this morning

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to ask if she could come out here for the 4 week-end - She is just out of the Hospital for Sinus trouble - the same as Florence had - and that was what precious Robert had - It is so very painful - I told her we would both rest quietly and have a quiet, peaceful time - Her Mother came on, and was here for ten days with her while she had her operation -

I sent you a tiny Birthday remembrance this morning from Rachel & me - to wear on your wrist when knitting - And if it could speak - it would tell you, it carries more love" than pen can state, or tongue to dare articulate".

God bless you precious Mina - for all you have meant to us - We rejoice the day he gave you birth.

Your devoted Louise

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Miller, Edith Hotchkiss (Mrs Robert A. Jr)
- Livingston, Clara E
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Given, Mary Elizabeth

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PONCE, PORTO RICO Nov. 19/20-

Nina Darling -

What a love you are to give us the joy, of seeing your own hand-writing. It really was a perfect delight - and yet how selfish it is - if it means you have to burn the mid-night oil - and write at one o'clock - We were so distressed when we heard you were ill - that I can't tell you how very happy it made us, to know you were yourself again - I thought your letter sounded so happy - and that all was well with the world - Dear Anne Carlisle, when we think of her sorrow - we know that we are blessed - It was a great comfort to her to be with you all - for there are no friends like the old friends - We were made so happy in this mail by the good news from Junior –

At last he has been relieved of the night work – and is now Technicle Sales Engineer – with a desk in the City office – I can't tell you what a relief it is to me – Rachel said – "Now you will have peace of mind" I thought "the prayers of the righteous availeth much" – for how I have hoped and prayed, that he might have a normal life with that blessed little family of his – and you could see from his letter that he and Edith are radiant over it – He said his Uncle Hal disclaimed having anything to do with it – but just the same I feel like giving both Grace & Hal a vote of thanks.

Won't it be splendid if Grace & Hal do take a house in Florida this winter? I should think that would be the very nicest thing for them to do –

Thank you Nina darling for having the sale of our work at your house – and feeling our cloth stood up well with the beautiful Italian one - Miss Frazer wrote you were going to have it - but when we heard you were ill - we thought you had given it up - We will probably hear from Miss Frazer in the next mail -

Isn't it fine Madeleine has told the boys? - And can't you imagine the great interest they are taking in the event - and it will be greater to look forward to than any Santa Claus could ever have been - In fact we are all looking forward to it, with the keenest anticipation - One of our workers has just had twin boys - her third pair of twins - she is about thirty - and has had twelve children and now has six living children all boys.

Isn't that a record? - I hope Mina dear

you will all have a very happy Thanks-giving - How many wonderful Thanks-givings we have had in that lovely home.

Robert Jr. and Edith are going to be with her Father - They chose their vacation to come at this time - which I think is very nice - as he is alone - They all go to the game to-gether - and Junior says they have a splendid woman to stay with the children - Clara Livingston is coming to have Thanksgiving with us - and has asked us to come to her for Christmas and christen her lovely new Spanish home -

Rachel is in San Juan - You will probably hear from her in this mail -

Would it be asking a great deal if Miss Given would send the name of the party we were going to see in Morristown - about the work - & I write her? Lewis writes Helen has the grippe - Good-bye precious Maria - a heart full of love - Louise.

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- Vincent, George Edgar
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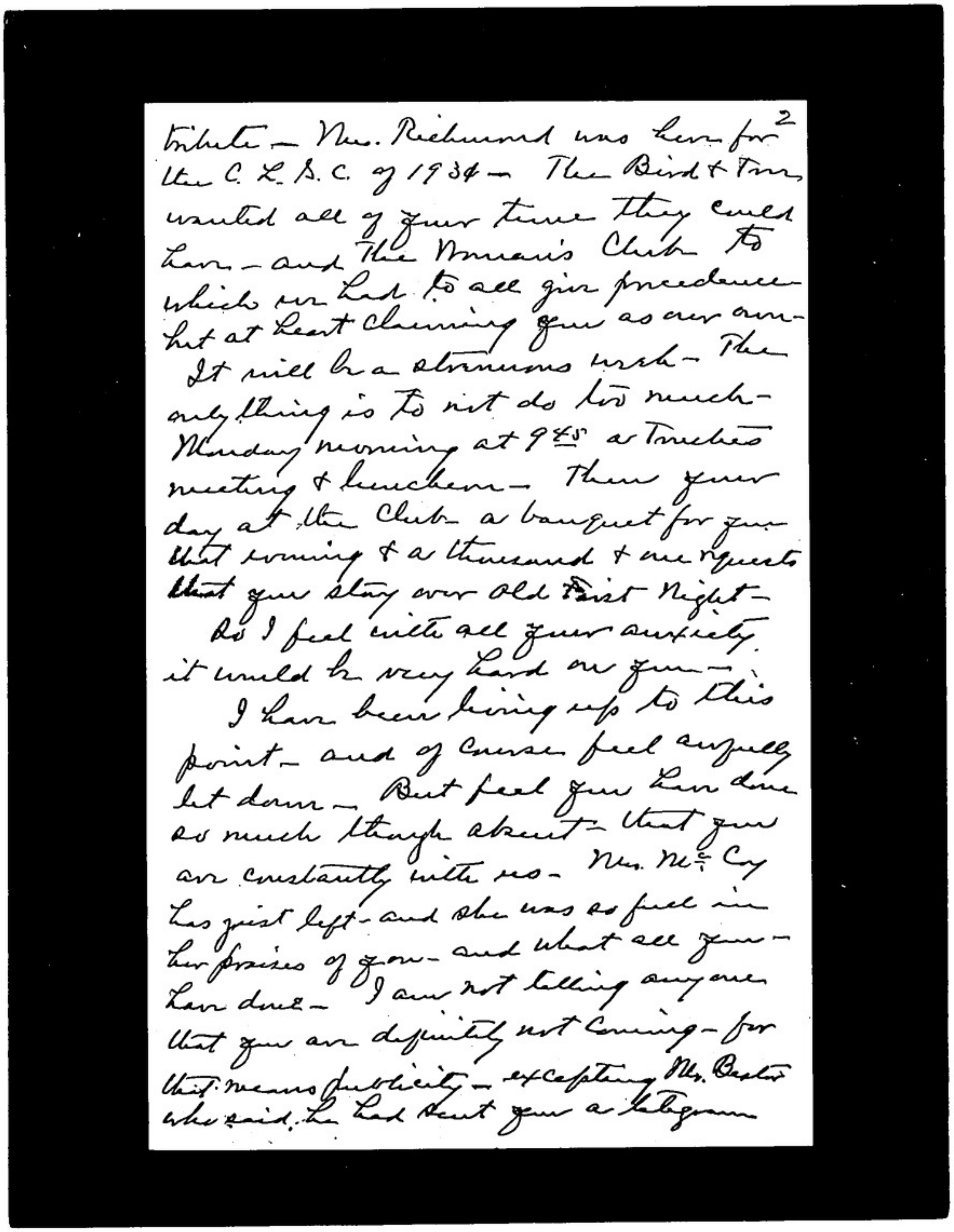
Will see Mrs. Pennypacker to-day - and explain to her -

July 29/31 -

Nina Darling -

I have received your letter and answering by return mail - I know how disappointed you are not to come - and how very disappointed Everyone will be not to have you & no one sorrier than I - But I think you are doing exactly right - for all your pleasure would be marred by the anxiety you would have for your darling - I dreamed of him last night - How I do hope & pray the doctors may relieve his suffering - and he will soon be up again - but he wants you - and you would never be happy away from him - I will do Everything I can for you Nina dear - and will try to keep you in touch with it all - I think you would have been a wreck as Everyone is waiting to pay you

MIRA MAR HOTEL AND APARTMENTS, SARASOTA, FLORIDA, UNDER SAME MANAGEMENT



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tribute — Mrs. Richmond was here for the C. L. S. C. of 1934 — The Bird & Tree wanted all of your time they could have — and The Woman's Club to which we had to all give precedence but at heart claiming you as our own-

It will be a strenuous week — The only thing is to not do too much — Monday morning at $9^{\underline{45}}$ a Teachers meeting & luncheon — Then your day at the Club — a banquet for you that evening & a thousand & one requests that you stay over Old First Night —

So I feel with all your anxiety it would be very hard on you —

I have been living up to this point — and of course feel awfully let down — But feel you have done so much though absent — that you are constantly with us — Mrs. McCoy has just left — and she was so full in her praises of you — and what all you — have done — I am not telling anyone that you are definitely not coming — for that means publicity — excepting Mr. Bestor who said he had sent you a telegram about the dedication of the Smith Library - which George is to dedicate - the B & T. supper in your honor & - which I have said all along you would not be here for. But of course they do not realize how sick Mr. Edison is - and while they know he is a very sick man - they all hope he will be well enough for you to come - It is pouring - and I love it when it rains here - Though it is our B & T. day - but will probably clear long before that - Rachel arrived safely - I have a package from her and I found some lovely flowers from her when I came home last evening - She said she was "sending me flowers from Father" wasn't that dear of her? - I know she longs to be with you - but you may not find it convenient now - unless she can be of some use - Let me know if there is anything I can do - Loads of love

Devotedly

Louise

I think your plan for the platform is beautiful - & the the three States - Illinois - Texas & Aunt Emily's emblem -

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- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Gilliland, Lillian (Mrs Ezra T.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Precious Mina -

Just one week to-day since I was with you. It seems ages - But I have been Constantly with you in my thoughts - and prayers - and longing to help you - I am sure no one Could ever have more loving thoughts than you are having in this great sorrow - all longing to express their love and admiration for you - Edward and Elizabeth are here - and yesterday we went for a short call to Mrs. Gillilands - Edward hadn't seen her for years - She spoke of your lovely

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thought of him in sending the Thomas A. Edison dahlias – and I gave two to Mrs. Ransom.

I told them how wonderful you are in thinking of others all the time – That will always be your great comfort – the precious moments you have given to your darling – And how he has loved your attention. I think there could never be a more beautiful companionship – Rachel lands to-morrow.

I am glad Edward + Elizabeth are here or I would be very lonely – Mr [illegible] stayed home all day writing to our dear ones. Loads of love blessed Mina Devotedly – Louise. Oct 11/31 –